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Examiner:	G. Gabol	Group Art Unit No.:	1641
Applicant(s):	Terry L. Gilton	Filing date:	October 23, 1998
Serial No.:	09/177,814	For (title):	SEPARATION APPARATUS INCLUDING POROUS SILICON COLUMN

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Enclosed for filing in connection with the above-identified patent application, and submitted in the order listed, are:

Postcard receipt acknowledgment (attached to the front of this transmittal).
 Duplicate copy of this transmittal sheet in the event that additional filing fees are required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16. Any such fees may be charged to deposit account no. 20-1469.
 Check no. in the amount of \$ for the presentation of extra claims as calculated in the remarks section below.
 Preliminary amendment.
 Amendment or other communication in response to the non-final office action mailed.
 Amendment or other communication under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 in response to the final office action mailed October 10, 2001.
 Petition for Extension of Time in duplicate with check no. in the amount of \$.
 Verified statement(s) to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.27 signed by (or on behalf of).
 Information disclosure statement and information disclosure citation form PTO-1449 with copies of listed documents.

Remarks:

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Total claims	-	x 18.00	-
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SUBTOTAL			
Reduction for small entity - 50% of subtotal*			
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE (subtotal minus any reduction)			0.00

*Verified statement(s) must be attached to support this reduction if small entity status has not been previously established.
 1 Claims remaining after amendment.
 2 Highest number of claims previously paid for. Not less than 20 for total claims and 3 for independent claims.

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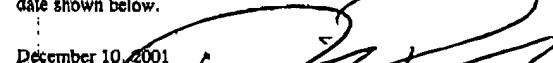
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